

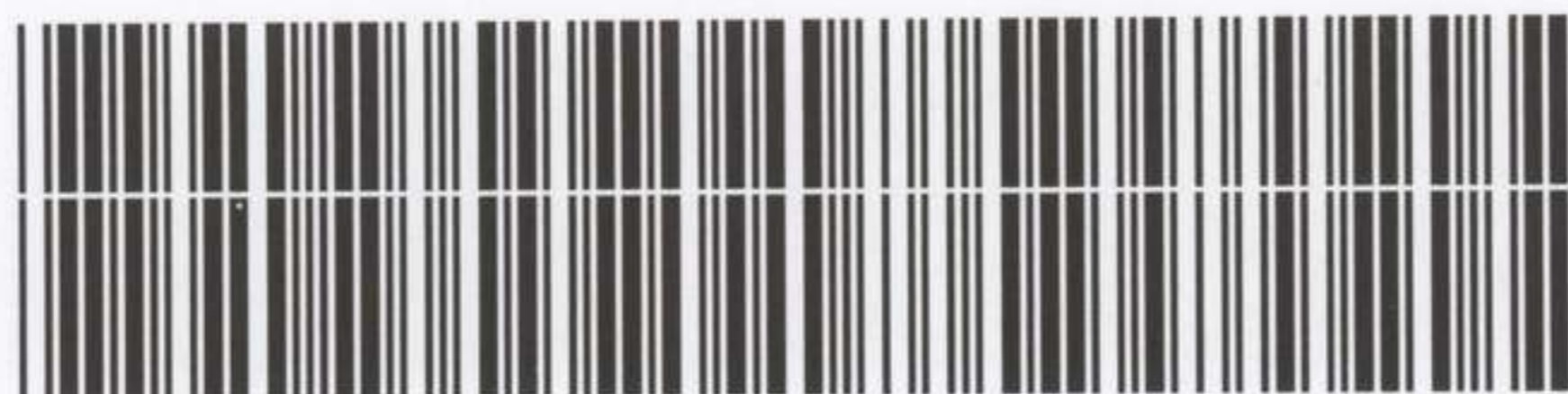
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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Fukhari 2/9/17.	1. O/rank evacuated to hospital.	
3/9/17.	2. O/ranks evacuated to hospital.	
4/9/17	1 Ride Camel & 1 Burdon camel arrived & taken on strength.	
6/9/17.	1. Officer (Capt Shelley J.E.) arrived from No 2 Aust. Stationary Hospital & taken on strength.	
	2. native camel drivers & one native saddler arrived & taken on Strength.	
	2 native camel drivers attached were returned to "A" Company C.T.C. Khan Yunus.	
8/9/17.	Practice turn out of brigade.	
9/9/17.	1. O/R evacuated to hospital.	
10/9/17.	1. O/R (Sgt. Cotter) attached from 2nd Australian Stationary Hospital to act pro-visionally as Warrant Officer.	
	1. Officer (Capt Green J.) attached temporarily from No 14 A.G.H. for instructional purposes .	
11/9/17	2. O/RS to hospital and struck off strength.	
12/9/17.	1. O/R. returned from hospital & taken on strength.	
	1. O/R to hospital & struck off strength. Capt Green J. proceeded to 4th L.H. Field Ambulance after three days instructional work.	
15/9/17	2. O/RS evacuated & struck off strength. 1 Light Draught returned from Veterinary Hospital.	
16/9/17	1. Native driver to hospital Khan Yunus . 1 Light Draught to Veterinary Hospital.	
Shellal. 18/9/17	Mobile Section moved with Brigade to Shellal . Immobile Section maved from Fukhari after handing over to 1st L.H. Field Amb. to Shellal Junction.	
19 /9/17	1 O/R. transferred from 4th L.H. Regiment . 1. O/R returned from hospital. 1 Officer (Capt Davidson) transferred from 10th L.H. Reg. & supernumerary strength to No 14 Australian General Hospital.	



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Shellal 19/9/17.	(contd.) 1. Officer (Capt Baker) transferred from effective strength of Ambulance & attached to 10th L.H. & borne super-numerary to establishment 1. O/R transferred to 4th L.H. Regiment . 1 O/R. returned from hospital & taken on strength..	
23/9/17.	1 Officer (Capt Morris.P.A.) arrived from 14th A.G.W. & taken on strength. 3 Native camel drivers arrived from No 1. Depot Kanyara. 1 Native driver evacuated sick.	
24/9/17.	Mobile Section moved out with Brigade at 0515 on a reconnaissance towards Beersheba & established a Dressing Station at El Baggar. returned to camp at 2100 . No casualties. 2 O/Rs. evacuated to hospital & struck off strength. 1 O/R transferred from effective to supernumerary strength & attached to 9th L.H. Reg.	
26/9/17.	1 Native Driver returned from hospital.	
28/9/17.	1 O/R. to hospital & struck off strength . 15. O/Rs. arrived from Moascar & taken on strength. 1 O/R transferred from 8th L.H. Regiment. 1. O/R transferred to 8th L.H. Regiment.	
29/9/17.	Ambulance inoculated for Cholera. 1. O/R evacuated to hospital.	

W.A. Fraser Lieut. Colonel
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3rd AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.



To/ 5th. A.L.H. 9th. A.L.H.
10th. A.L.H. H.Q. Sqdn.
✓ Field Amb. Sig Troop.
Hotts Batty. Westminster Dragoons.
Brigade Headquarters.

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Reference 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade Order No. 43 of 22nd September 1917.

Paragraph 6 in lieu of 9630 therein stated please read over.

Wm Anderson

Major,
Brigade Major,
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

23rd September 1917.

BY

LIEUT. COL. L.C. MAYGAR, V.C., D.S.O., V.D., CMDG. 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.
 In The Field. *****

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22/9/17.

Reference. 1/125,000.

1. The Division will cover and carry out a reconnaissance on 24th. September.
2. The Line GOZ EL GELEIB (4 miles S.E. of KHALASA) - IBN SAID - Pt. 970 - Pt. 840 - Pt. 720 - Pt. 630 - Pt. 510 will be made good by 1100 on 24th. September. Orders for the withdrawal, which will begin at 1530, will be issued later.
3. On the Night 23/24th. September:-
 - (a) 4th A.L.H. Bde. will be in bivouac at a point 1 mile N. of the 1st. A in MAALAGA.
 - (b) 7th Mounted Brigade will be in bivouac at Point 690, RASHID BEK.
4. On the 24th. September.
 - (a) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade with Westminster Dragoons attached and one Battery R.H.A. will move so as to make good the line Pt. 510 ABU SHAWISH - 630 EL GIRHEIR - 720 - 840 - 970 inclusive by 1100.
 - (b) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will make good the line Pt. 970 exclusive - IBN SAID - GOZ EL GELEIB by 1100.
 - (c) 7th Mounted Bde. will remain about RASHID BEK where Divn. H/Qrs. will be established at 0600.
5. Units of this Brigade will make good the following sectors of the line by 1100 on 24th. September :-

9th A.L.H. Regt.	Pt. 970 inclusive - Pt. 840 inclusive.
8th A.L.H. Regt.	Pt. 840 exclusive - Pt. 720 inclusive.
10th A.L.H. Regt.	Pt. 720 exclusive - 630 EL GIRHEIR - Pt. 510 ABU SHAWISH inclusive.

The above mentioned Units will move independently from Bivouac at such an hour as will admit of their making good their sectors of the line by 1100.
6. The remainder of the Bde. will be ready to move off from a Point just clear of the barbed wire on the East Bank of the WADI and due East of the URGAN Crossing at 0630 on 24th. September.

<u>Order of March :-</u>	Brigade Scouts.
	B.H.Q. & Details.
	M. Gun Sqd. (XXXX)
	West Dragoons (less one Sqn.)
	One Battery R.H.A.
	Field Ambulance.

Units will take their place in the Column as it comes their turn.
7. Officer Commanding Westminster Dragoons will detail one Squadron to report to C.C., R.H.A. Battery at point mentioned in para. 6 at 0630 on 24th. Sept. as escort.
8. The Squadron, 10th A.L.H., which will provide the Night Standing Patrols on night 23/24th. September will rejoin its Regiment after sending the "All Clear" or otherwise report to B.H.Q. at 0500 on 24th. September.
9. The Squadron, 8th A.L.H., detailed for Night Standing Patrols on night 23/24th. September will remain in Bivouac. These Patrols will be in position at the usual hour, 1800, on 24th. September.
10. 3rd Field Ambulance will establish a Dressing Station at EL BUGGAR by 1100 on 24th. September.
11. Sufficient rations and forage for the 24th. Sept. & Iron Rations will be carried.
12. Responsibility for lateral communication will be from right to left.
13. B.H.Q. will be established at a point 1 mile South of the R. in EL BUGGAR by 1100 on 24th. September.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

MEDICAL CORPS ORDER No. 2, by Colonel G. P. DIXON, A.D.M.S., AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

23rd September, 1917.

Reference map BEERSHEBA 1/125,000.

- (1). The Division will carry out a reconnaissance on September 23rd and 24th, making good the line GOZ-EL-GALIB - IBN SAID - Point 970 - Point 840 - Point 720 - Point 630 - Point 510 by 1100 on September 24th.
- (2). Mobile Sections of Ambulances less caacolet camels will accompany their respective Brigades.
- (3). The 7th Mtd.Bde.Fld.Amb. will establish a Dressing Station at RASHID BEK by 1800 on 23rd.
The 3rd L.H.Fld.Amb. will establish a Dressing Station at EL BUGGAR by 1100 on 24th.
The Tent Division of the 4th L.H.Fld.Amb. will be established by 1100 on 24th at a point in vicinity of Brigade Headquarters to be decided by the O.C.
- (4). O.C., 4th L.H.Fld.Amb., and 7th Mtd.Bde.Fld.Amb. will detail two orderlies to report to A.D.M.S. when Dressing Stations are established.
- (5). Evacuation will be by sandcart to RASHID BEK or EL BUGGAR and thence by motor ambulance to the Immobile Section of 3rd L.H.Fld.Amb. at SHELLAL.
- (6). O.C., 3rd L.H.Fld.Amb. will detail one officer with necessary sandcarts and personnel to accompany the regiments holding the line from the WADI to Point 970 and this officer will evacuate direct to 7th Mtd.Bde.Fld.Amb. at RASHID BEK.
- (7). *Immobile Section* O.C., 3rd L.H.Fld.Amb. will detail ~~and~~ an officer to collect 4 motor ambulances at SHELLAL JUNCTION on morning of 24th to proceed to Dressing Station at *El Buggar*. Four motor ambulances will proceed to RASHID BEK on afternoon of 23rd under orders of A.D.M.S.
- (8). One days special ration and forage for men and horse will be carried. "B" Echelon will not accompany Unit.
- (9). Ambulances will withdraw with their Brigades.
- (10). The following returns will be sent to A.D.M.S., D.H.Q., at RASHID BEK:- *after 0600 on 24th.*
 - (a). Number of wounded admitted and remaining every four hours by wire, return to be progressive for each period of 24 hours beginning at 1800 daily, and sent in code.
 - (b). 24 hourly return of wounded made up to 1600 and sent in code.

NIL returns need not be sent.

The following code will be used:-

CARAMEL	-	CASUALTIES.
WOUNDOF	-	WOUNDED OFFICERS.
WOUNDOF	-	WOUNDED OTHER RANKS.
CARANGOID	-	SERIOUS.
CARANX	-	SLIGHT.
TAWNYWAVE	-	INDIAN TROOPS.

- (11). Acknowledge.

G.P. Dixon
Colonel,
A.D.M.S., Australian Mounted Divn.

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4. 4th Amb.	9. War Diary.
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Issued at 1830.

LIEUT. COLONEL L.C. MAYOR, V.C., D.S.O., V.D., C.M.S., 3rd. A.L.H. BRIG.

IN THE FIELD.

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20th. SEPT 1917.

Reference 1/125,000 Map.

1. In the event of the enemy attempting to occupy (even temporarily as distinct from patrolling) the line Pt. 630 EL GINSHIR - Pt. 720 - GAZ LAKHLEILAY, the forward mounted division will immediately operate against him vigorously.

In order to ensure timely warning of any such attempt on the enemy's part, and to give adequate notice of any hostile movement against our line, the forward mounted division will provide an outpost line by day and night.

2. The orders for this Outpost Line are as follows :-

(A) BY DAY.

- i. An Outpost Line will be held by day from Pt. 300 - 1½ miles S.W. of KRIRBIT NER through Pt. 510 ABU SHAWISH - KH. KHASHIF to EL EL. SHANI.
- ii. Posts of a strength of 1 Troop will be found by the Outpost Brigade at the following points :-

No. 1 Post. Pt. 300.
No. 2 Post. At trees 2 miles East of EL DANHATH.
No. 3 Post. Point 510 ABU SHAWISH.
No. 4 Post. KH. KHASHIF.

In addition 2 Troops will be in reserve at GAZ EL BASAL.

iii. A Post of a strength of one Company will be found by the Battalion of the I.C. Brigade holding the SHABI WORKS. This Post will be about ¼ mile N. of ½ of GAZ LAKHLEILAY with advanced patrols on the line 600 - EL EL. SHANI.

(B) BY NIGHT.

i. A line of standing Patrols will be posted from Pt. 500 1½ miles N.E. of ABU BAURA to opposite GAZELI at about 1 mile from the wire and also of X, Y, Z works.

ii. Standing Patrols of 2 N.C.O.'s and 6 men will be found by the Outpost Brigade at about the following points :-

1. Pt. 500.
2. ½ of EL HASSIL.
3. ½ of EL DANHATH.
4. ½ of EL IMARA.
5. ¼ mile N. of ½ in CULTIVATION.
6. ¼ mile S. of ½ in CULTIVATION.
7. 1st. ½. of ABU BOSHIA.

iii. Eight standing Patrols will be commanded by a Squadron Leader.

iv. 2 Posts of 2 N.C.O.'s and 10 men will be posted by the Battalion I.C. Brigade holding SHABI WORKS, as follows :-

1 Post. In Garden S.E. of 'Z' work.
2 Post. ¼ mile S. of ½ of EL HUNIRIA.

A Patrol will be sent from No. 2 Post to the WADI SHANAG.

A Patrol from No. 1 Post and from 'Z' work will go out 1 hour before dawn, and patrol for 2 miles to the S. and W.

3. DUTIES OF DAY POSTS.

(i). The Posts will move through the wire at 0830 and take up their positions. They will retire at dusk when the night standing patrols are in position.

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3. (ii) Patrols will be sent out from the Posts towards Pt 630 EL GIRGIR, Pt. 720, EL HUGGAR and NIA EL KHANI. The Patrols towards 630 EL GIRGIR, 720 and EL HUGGAR will, if necessary, be supported by the reserve troops.

(iii). If these Patrols are unable to approach this line this fact will be made the subject of a report wired priority to this Office, so as to enable the necessary troops to be ordered out in support to Day Outposts, so as to be able to clear up the situation.

(iv). In addition, all posts and patrols will always obtain and report all possible information concerning enemy movements, gun positions, etc., as well as locality and capacity of any new wells or cisterns which may be discovered.

DUTIES OF NIGHT STANDING PATROLS

These Patrols will be in position by dusk. At dawn a patrol will be sent forward for a distance of about 2 miles. These patrols will return and report all clear or otherwise. The night standing patrols will withdraw as soon as the day posts have passed through them.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

(A). By Day.

1. A telephone line is laid from 602 EL BASAL to D.H.Q. and thence to the H.Q. of the Outpost Brigade.

2. From the supporting troops at 602 EL BASAL communication to the posts will be visual and rider.

3. Communication from 602 EL BASAL to the I.C.S. post at 602 EL LAHLEILAT will be by visual.

(B). By Night

1. The night standing patrols of the Outpost Brigade are connected to each other by telephone and thence through D.H.Q. to H.Q. of the Outpost Brigade.

5. The following reports are required from the Regiment on Outpost Duty :-

To be rendered by.	Nature of Report.	To be sent by.	Time due P.M.	Remarks.
C.C. Night Outposts.	All Clear or otherwise.	Priority Wire.	0500.	
C.C. Day Outposts.	Situation report.	Wire.	0600 & 1600.	To report situation and to include any information of enemy movements or other <u>important</u> intelligence
C.C. Regiment. supplying Outposts on previous day.	Intelligence Summary.	D.H.Q.	0700.	A summary of all Intelligence for Day & Night Outposts supplied from Regiment.

6. The exact hour of dusk and dawn will be ordered periodically. At present dusk is 1800 and Dawn 0430.

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7. The Outpost Brigade and Troops holding GHABI works will "stand to" at dawn until the all clear report is received.
8. While in the forward area the whole Division will be ready to move out for operations at very short notice. Hoose-bags will be filled every night and arrangements made to turn out with full water-bottles.
9. No horse traffic whatever is permitted on any of the roads EAST of the WADI SHUZZA between parallels 31°10' and 31 degrees 20 minutes. These roads are to be kept exclusively for ^{dog man} motor traffic.
10. This order cancels all previous instructions issued with regard to Outposts.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgt) W.B. Anderson, Major,
Brigade Major,
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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| (4) 8th A.L.H. Regt. | (7) 3rd A.M.G. Sqn. |
| (6) 10th A.L.H. Regt. | (9) 20th Battery, R.H.A. |
| (8) 3rd Field Amb. | (11) Signal Troop. |
| (10) Ordnance. | |
| (12) Spare. | |

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By

Lieut.Colonel L.C.MAYGAR, V.C., D.S.O., V.D., Cmdg.3rd.Bde.

In the Field.

15th.Sept.1917.

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Ref. ap. RAFA: 1/125,000.
GAZA - SHELLAL..1/40,000.

1. The following reliefs take place on 18th.September 1917:-
 - (a) The Aust.Mtd.Division less 5th.Mtd.Brigade and with 7th.Mounted Bde. attached will relieve the Yeomanry Mounted Division as Forward Mounted Division.
 - (b) The A.& N.Z.Mtd.Divn. moves from MARAKEB to FUKHARI and replaces the Australian Mounted Division in support.
 - (c) The Yeomanry Mounted Division proceeds on relief to MARAKEB.
2. On 18th.Sept. the 10th.Regiment will send forward the necessary troops so as to take over the Day Outpost Line by 1100 from 8th.Mounted Bde. Details of the Posts to be relieved will be notified later.
3. The remainder of the 3rd.A.L.H.Bde. will be ready to move at 0800 and will relieve 8th.Mounted Brigade in the SHELLAL AREA at 1100.

ORDER OF MARCH.

Brigade Scouts.

B.H.Q.

Signal Troop.

8th L.H.

3rd M.G.S.

9th L.H.

10th.L.H. less detachment detailed in Para.2.

Fld.Amb.

The head of the Brigade will cross the RAFA - SHEIKH NURAN Railway Line at Kilo.14 at 0800. Units will take their place in Column as it comes their turn.

4. The NOTTS Battery will accompany Brigade and will march in rear of Fld.Amb.
5. All Units will avoid unnecessary concentration in view of possible attacks by hostile aircraft.
6. Units will hand over all maps, plans, Area stores as rendered in Their Weekly Returns, and R.E.Material. Receipts will be given and taken for same in duplicate.
7. After relief on 18th.Sept. Guards on Water Areas will rejoin their Units.
8. For Supplies the Brigade will be based on WEIL SHEIKH NURAN from the 18th. Sept.inclusive. Ration parties will meet Supply Officer at Bde.Refilling Point at 1000 on 18th.Sept. Location of Bde.Refilling point will be notified later.
9. The Brigade will water in WADI GHUZZE on the morning of 18th.Sept. Dastructions concerning watering in the WADI GHUZZE will be issued later.
10. Units will notify this office by 0800 on 15th.Sept. the minimum number of Camels (calculated at 350 lbs.per Camel) necessary to move the usual stores
11. Units will leave rear parties to hand over their Bivouacs to Units of A. & N.Z.Mounted Divn. who are due to arrive at 1200. All Units will ensure that their Bivouacs, horselines, etc. are left scrupulously clean.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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(Sgd) W.M.Anderson, Major,
Brigade Major,

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| 10. Ordnance. | 11. Notts. | 12. 19th.Bde.R.H.A. | |
| 13. Scouts. | 14. Staff Captain. | | |

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BY
LIEUT. COLONEL L.C. MAYGAR, V.C., D.S.O., V.D., CMDG. 3rd L.H. BDE.

16th. September 1917

Reference Maps.- RAFA - BEERSHEBA. 1/125,000.
GAZA - SHELLAL. 1/40,000.

1. Reference to 3rd A.L.H. Bde. Order No. 41 of 14th. Sept. please cancel para. 2 and substitute the following:- "10th. A.L.H. Regt. will send forward Troops to relieve the 2 Troops of 8th. Std. Brigade in support to Day Outpost at GOZ EL BASAL. This relief to be completed by 1100 on 18th. September.
2. 8th. A.L.H. will detail the necessary troops for Night Outpost for night 18th./19th. Sept., and for Day Outposts on 19th. Sept. Details will be issued later.
3. With reference to 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. Order 41 of 14th. Sept. cancel Para. 8 and substitute the following:- "For supplies the Bde. will be based on SHELLAL Depot from 18th. Sept. inclusive. Ration Parties will meet Supply Officer at Brigade Refilling Point, Sq. D. 30. A. GAZA SHELLAL, 1/40,000, at 1000 on the 18th. Sept.
4. The Field Officer of the Day on 18th. Sept. will remain and hand over the Bde. Area to a representative of the 2nd. A.L.H. Bde., who should arrive by 1200 on 18th. inst.
5. O.C., 3rd. A.L.H. Fld. Amb. will detail a M.O. to inspect the Bde. Area accompanied by the Field Officer on the Brigade moving out. The usual certificates will be forwarded to A.D.M.S., A.M.D. by M.O. detailed above.
6. The following Advance Parties will be detailed:-

Each Regiment.	1 Officer & 4 O/Ranks.
M. Gun Squadron.	1 Officer and 4 O/Ranks.
Field Ambulance	2 O/Ranks.

 These Parties will report to Staff Captain at Kilo. 14 at 0730 on 18th. Sept. The Bde. Sanitary Officer will accompany the Advance Party.
7. The following duties will be detailed:-
9th. A.L.H. Regt. Pumping Party of 1 Sgt. & 27 men of whom 7 to be Horseholders
 Guard on Drinking Water Reservoir of 2 M.C.O.s & 9 men, 3 of whom to be horse-holders.

Bde. H/O's. 2 MMP's will be detailed from B.H.Q. for Police Measures in the Brigade Watering Area.
 The above parties will report to Staff Captain at Kilo. 14 at 0730 on 18th. September.
8. Order of Watering:-
 Morning of 18th. Sept.
 On arrival in the SHELLAL Area the Brigade will water in the Order of March.
 Afternoon of 18th. Sept.

8th. A.L.H. Regt.	Regt. next for Outposts.	1500.
9th. A.L.H. Regt.	Duty Regiment.	1520.
	B.H.Q. & Details, M.G.S. Fld. Amb.	1540.
10th. A.L.H. Regt.	Remaining Regiment.	1600.
	1/2nd. County London Yeomanry.	
	(Attd. Brigade)	1620.
	Netts Battery, R.H.A.	1640.
9. All Units will forward copies of all receipts given and taken for Area Stores to B.H.Q. by 1800 on 18th. Sept.
10. Details as to the hour of "Stand To", extinguishing of lights, etc., will be notified later.

1. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) W.M. Anderson, Major,
Brigade Major,
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade

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| 9. Netts. | 10. 19th. Bde. |
| 11. 1/2nd. County London. | 12. Staff Captain. |